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# Why is Local Ecological Knowledge Crucial for Sustainability?

## Speakers:

### Andrea Pieroni

Full Professor of Environmental and Applied Botany, University of Gastronomic Sciences: Prof. Pieroni will present the theses on the relevance of LEK, highlighting its critical role in the sustainability of socio-ecological systems.

### Naji Sulaiman

Assistant Professor, University of Gastronomic Sciences: Assoc. Prof. Sulaiman will discuss a Syrian case study focusing on foraging as an ecological practice and adaptation strategy in war and post-war contexts, illustrating its impact on food security.

## Discussant:

### Julia Prakofjewa

Post Doc, Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, will facilitate a discussion on the broader implications of the presented topics.

## Chair:

### Renata Soukand

Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, will chair the session, guiding the dialogue.

**16 Aprile** 2024  
**11.00 AM**

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